



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do NOT use for expedited rule making**Agency:** Department of Agriculture**Subject of possible rule making:** (1) Requiring phytosanitary certification for all crucifer seed to be used for vegetable seed, cover, or oilseed crops in western Washington; (2) adding wild radish and black mustard to the "restricted noxious weed seeds."**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 15.49, Seeds**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:**

The Department of Agriculture received a petition for rulemaking to address the two issues outlined above, as well as to address modification of rapeseed rules to include all cruciferous genera and species that could be grown for vegetable seed, cover, or oilseed crops. Also requested is the development of additional guidelines for crucifer vegetable, cover and oilseed crops.

At the present time, it appears that the Department does not have the statutory authority required to pursue rule-making relative to rapeseed, but the subject should be thoroughly discussed with affected industry representatives.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:****Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Negotiated rule making  
☐ Pilot rule making  
☐ Agency study  
XX Other (describe)

The Department is establishing a work group made up of members of the seed, rapeseed industry and research community to begin examining the request for rules and to advise the Department of the future direction of the request.

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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